

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1,5-13 and 23-26 is noted with appreciation. In order to expedite the prosecution claims 14-22, 27 and 28 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 3 are proposed to be amended consistent with the reason for allowance of the allowed claims, by including the polyfoam pad against the circuit boards as set forth below.

Claims Objections

The application number at the heading on each page of the claims has been corrected as suggested as has the double period noted in claim 12, line 1. In claim 9, the "original" has been changed to "previously amended" since the change was effected in the previous amendatory paper.

Claim Rejections - 35U.S.C.,102

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35U.S.C.102(b) as being anticipated by Chien (5,947,580). These claims have been amended substantially to include recitations to "electronic components" and to the "non-conductive foam pressure pad"

which in claim 2 was further modified by adding "of greater thickness than the height of said components," this amendment of claim is fully supported in the specification (Page 12, lines 5, 6) and Fig. 11 and contains the language of the presence of form which the Examiner found as the basis for allowance of the other claims. Therefore it is not broader but reciting a slightly different combination than claim 1. Certain other elements have been included to provide antecedents.

Claim 3 now specifically recites "a non-conductive foam pressure pad" which "engages said circuit board to insure contact pressure is applied to at least some of said electrical connections." This claim and claim 2 are now believed to clearly distinguish over Chien since they include recitations to the foam pressure pad which was indicated to be a key element of novelty in the allowed claims.

Claims 4, dependent upon claim 3 is also believed to be allowable with claim 3 as amended herein.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

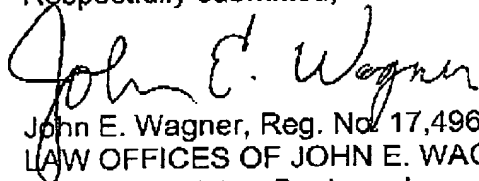
Claims 14-22, 27 and 28, rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been cancelled herein to expedite the prosecution of this application and subject to filing of a possible divisional application.

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It is believed that the above amendment involves no new issues and that the remaining claims clearly distinguish over the prior art. Entrance of this amendment, further and favorable action and passage of this application to issue is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner disagree a telephone interview is requested, or otherwise entry under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 as placing the application in better form for appeal is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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